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SUBJ : REVISION IN NIGERIA'S HEALTH PLAN

1. COL. DAN SULEIMAN, FEDERAL COMMISSIONER FOR HEALTH, ANNOUNCED AT THE 16TH MEETING OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL ON HEALTH HELD IN BENIN CITY JANUARY 15 A REVISION TO THE HEALTH PROGRAM WHICH HAD BEEN PRESENTED EARLIER. THE COMMISSIONER STRESSED THE NEED FOR THE EXTENSION OF BASIC HEALTH SERVICES TO ALL CITIZENS IN NIGERIA IN BOTH RURAL AND URBAN AREAS.

2. THE BASIC HEALTH SERVICE SCHEME HAS BEEN REVISED TO COVER 100 PERCENT OF THE POPULATION OF NIGERIA RATHER THAN THE PREVIOUSLY DESIGNATED 60 PERCENT. NOW 450 BASIC HEALTH UNITS ARE TO BE BUILT INSTEAD OF THE PREVIOUSLY PROJECTED 285. THESE HEALTH UNITS WILL BE COMPRISED

OF 450 COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH CENTERS, 1,800 PRIMARY HEALTH CENTERS, 90,000 HEALTH CLINICS AND 2,250 MOBILE CLINICS DURING THE PLAN PERIOD. THIS PROJECT IS ESTIMATED TO COST NAIRA 2.7 BILLION AND WILL BE FINANCED BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. THE STATE MINISTRIES ARE URGED TO PROVIDE THE LAND AND OTHER FACILITIES FOR THE SPEEDY IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS PROGRAM. A STAFF TRAINING PROGRAM HAS BEEN APPROVED TO INCLUDE HEALTH CENTER SUPERINTENDENTS, COMMUNITY NURSES/MIDWIVES, COMMUNITY HEALTH ASSISTANTS, COMMUNITY HEALTH

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SUPERVISORS, X-RAY TECHNICIANS AND MEDICAL LABORATORY ASSISTANTS.

3. THE COMMISSIONER ACCLAIMED THIS YEAR ENVIRONEMENTAL YEAR. IN THIS VEIN IT WAS DECIDED THAT A NATIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONEMTAL AND OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH BE SET UP TO COORDINATE ALL ACTIVITIES ON ENVIRONEMTAL AND OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH.

3. THE NATIONAL COUNCIL ON HEALTH ALSO NOTED THE NEED FOR THE TRAINING OF MORE PERSONNEL IN LIMB FITTING, BRACES FITTING AND MAINTENANCE OF SURGICAL APPLIANCES. TWO SCHOOLS FOR THIS TRAINING HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL AT THE ORTHOPEDIC HOSPITALS IN KANO AND LAGOS, AS WELL AS A CONTINUATION OF THESE SERVICES IN IBADAN AND ENUGU.

4. WITHIN THE NEXT TWO WEEKS NOTIFICATION SHOULD BE OUT ON THE SCHEDULE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE TEACHING HOSPITALS AND THE BASIX HEALTH UNITS.

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